

# FAI YOUNG ARTISTS CONTEST 2026

## RULES

### 2026 THEME: 'FLY TO SAVE LIVES'

#### THEME EXPLANATORY NOTE

##### **Lausanne, Switzerland –**

For over a hundred years, humans have looked to the skies with wonder. What was once a dream is now a vital part of everyday life — aviation connects people, overcomes distance, and plays a crucial role in **saving lives**.

For the **2026 FAI Young Artists Contest**, the **Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI)** invites young artists to reflect on the **life-saving power of flight** through the inspiring theme:

##### **'Fly to Save Lives'**

Aircraft and air sports do more than move people. They can:

- Rescue stranded individuals
- Deliver emergency medical supplies
- Monitor wildfires
- Transport aid to remote or disaster-stricken areas

Flying can also save lives emotionally and spiritually. A paraglider in silent skies, a hot air balloon ride bringing peace, or a skydiver raising awareness for a noble cause — aviation **uplifts the soul** and inspires courage, healing, and hope.

##### **FAI encourages young artists to let their imaginations soar.**

Show how drones, helicopters, gliders, and pilots help save lives – physically, mentally, and emotionally. Let your artwork reflect the power of aviation as a **force for good**.

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#### CONTEST RULES – NATIONAL LEVEL (INDIA)

According to FAI guidelines, all entries from Indian residents must be submitted to the Aero Club of India (ACI) – the official FAI Member organization for India. Entries sent directly to the FAI or another country's FAI Member will be disqualified.

**Note:** Entries received **after 28th February 2026 will NOT** be considered.

## **Address for Submission:**

### **AERO CLUB OF INDIA – Camp Office**

C/o Constitution Club of India  
3 Rafi Marg, New Delhi – 110001

**Deadline: 28th February 2026**

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## **ELIGIBILITY**

Participation is open to **all children residing in India**, including those related to ACI or FAI officials.

Entries are divided into the following **age categories**:

- **Group I – Junior:** Born between **1 January 2016** and **31 December 2019**
  - **Group II – Intermediate:** Born between **1 January 2012** and **31 December 2015**
  - **Group III – Senior:** Born between **1 January 2008** and **31 December 2011**
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## **ART FORMAT**

- **Size:** A3 (297 x 420 mm / 11¾ x 16½ inches)
- **Framing:** Not allowed
- **Borders:** No outlines or borders permitted
- **Style:** Hand-drawn or hand-painted only

## **ACCEPTED MEDIUMS**

- Watercolor
- Acrylic
- Oil paint
- Indelible marker pens
- Felt-tip pens
- Soft ball-point pens
- Indelible ink
- Crayola or any **similar indelible medium**

## **NOTE: The following are NOT allowed:**

- Pencil, charcoal, or any non-permanent medium
- Computer-generated artwork
- Collage or photocopy-based entries

## MARKINGS ON THE BACK OF THE ARTWORK

Each entry **must** have the following details written clearly on the **back**:

1. Title (optional but should reflect the theme)
  2. Family name
  3. Given name
  4. Postal address
  5. Email address
  6. Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year)
  7. Country of residence
  8. Name and address of school
  9. **Certificate of Authenticity** (see below)
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### CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY (MANDATORY)

Must be included on the back of each entry, in the following format:

“I/We certify that this is the original and unassisted work of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of entrant).

We certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of entrant) is a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ (country).”

This must be **signed by the entrant’s teacher**, art instructor, or another suitable adult (mentor/guardian).

### INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

At the international level, entries will be judged by an **FAI International Jury**. Winners in each age group will receive:

- **Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals**
- **Diplomas**

Awards will be sent to the respective national FAI Members (ACI in India), who will organize local ceremonies for presentation.

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### IMPORTANT NOTES

- All entries become the property of **ACI (India)** and **FAI (International)**. They may be used in exhibitions, publications, and promotional materials.
- Participants are encouraged to **make good-quality colour copies** of their work for personal records **before submission**.
- **Entries sent directly to FAI or foreign FAI Members by individuals will be disqualified.**

## About FAI

FAI, the World Air Sports Federation, is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. It was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Founded in 1905 and recognized by the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**, FAI promotes:

- Aerobatics
- Aeromodelling
- Airships
- Ballooning
- Drones
- Experimental & Amateur-Built Aircraft
- Gliding
- Hang Gliding & Paragliding
- Helicopters
- Microlights / Ultralights
- Parachuting
- Paramotors
- Power Flying
- Space World Records

NOTE: Please visit the FAI website: <https://www.fai.org/yac> for more details.

